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European Army

ONE question which President Eisenhower may put to Britain through his Secretary of State in the near future is whether she is prepared to go beyond her guarantee of "automatic military assistance" and "the closest possible association" with the European Defense Community. In other words whether Britain is willing to give the lead to the rest of Western Europe by joining the proposed European Army. It has been argued that active British participation in the European Army at this time would act as an injection of good red blood into the anaemic veins of Europe. Moreover, Britain's inclusion would help to satisfy the doubts of the Germans, and it would do much to counterbalance their influence. Manifestly it would be undesirable for all the nation's military forces to be included, but the countries of Europe are so obviously anxious for Britain to go into the scheme that they would be prepared to accept almost any reservation which she might care to make. And the European Army, though by no means ideal in its structure, still offers the best method by which Germany can contribute to Western defence without her becoming a danger to the rest of Europe.

TO many the idea of British forces serving under a "supra-national authority" is thoroughly objectionable; moreover the organisation of overall political control would be no easy matter. Much would depend on the Chief of Staff who, as the head military authority, would be responsible for producing an efficient military machine for General Ridgway to use. On the face of things this key military appointment should go to a Frenchman, but there does not seem to be a French general other than Marshal Juin who has the necessary experience. And, as competent critics have emphasised, Juin is essentially a battle commander rather than a staff officer and should preferably remain in his present position as commander of the NATO ground forces in the vital European theatre.

Hospital Attendants Strike

Singapore, Jan. 30. Four hundred and forty-seven attendants in Singapore's Mental Hospital went on strike this morning after a prolonged dispute on wage and other working conditions.

Of the 1,758 patients, 100 are criminals and lunatics. Arrangements have been made for warders from the Prison Department to supervise them.

Only three volunteers responded to an appeal for help from the public.

Meanwhile, more than 200 Singapore firemen were considering staging a sit-down strike because three colleagues were fired and new working hours were being introduced.

The Fire Brigade employees Union appealed to the President of the City Council and the decision to strike or not depends upon its reply. In the event of a strike, the firemen will answer fire accident calls but do nothing else.—United Press.

Another Small Fire On The Queen Elizabeth

Southampton, Jan. 29.

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But workmen were questioned and a special guard was detailed to keep an anti-sabotage watch tonight on the 83,073-ton Liverpool.—Reuter.

The Ill-Fated UN Attack On T-Bone Hill

General Collins To Give Congress The Full Story CRITICISM RESENTED

Washington, Jan. 29. Chairman Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee promised today that General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, will give Congress the full story of Sunday's ill-fated United Nations T-Bone attack in Korea.

Other House members had questioned whether the attack — in which United Nations infantry troops were driven back by Communist forces who were presumed to have been clobbered by artillery and aerial attacks — was staged for military reasons or as a "show" for visiting officers and newspapermen.

Republican Representative Clare Hoffman introduced a privileged "resolution of inquiry" calling on the Defence Department for all facts in the case. Republican Rep. William Bray, in a letter to Defence Secretary Charles Wilson, demanded an explanation.

Chairman Short told the House that early today the Armed Services Committee clerk, Robert Smart, on his orders, called on General John Hull, vice-Chief of Staff of the Army, for a full report; on the incident.

Rep. Short said that Gen. Hull subsequently called on him twice by telephone. Gen. Hull reported that Gen. Collins is on his return to Washington on Saturday and will be prepared to report on what happened.

Chairman Short told newsmen he may have Gen. Collins "come before" the Committee next Monday or Tuesday. He indicated he does not subscribe to doubts expressed by Rep. Hoffman and Rep. Bray. "It is inconceivable to me that military leaders there would uselessly sacrifice a single human life," he told the House.

Correspondents and generals were given the order of the battle marked "secret" which outlined the exact timetable for each phase of the operation.

ALWAYS OUTLINED

The division spokesman pointed out that every operation from a three-man patrol to a division offensive is outlined on paper beforehand.

But as a result of the adverse publicity on the T-bone raid, the division involved was reported today to be considering banning newsmen from future briefings.

The Army officers and enlisted men said they actually were glad that generals were there to watch the abortive attack and see "how tough the enemy has become."

The officers said that similar attacks will be necessary because the Chinese constantly are digging in closer and closer to UN lines and must be rooted out to protect the Allied defences.

A regimental officer said the total casualties were 96 of which 65 per cent were treated for bruises, scratches and other light injuries and returned to duty next day.—United Press.

Bank Director

Resigns

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Destructive Blaze

Bologna, Jan. 29.

Top detectives from Scotland Yard spent three-and-a-half hours today investigating a fire which damaged cabin number 13 last night, less than three days after a disastrous blaze had gutted the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, at Liverpool.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Big Moment



FEDERATION PLAN

African Territories At Stake

London, Jan. 29. British Colonial envoys today completed work on a blueprint for welding three British African territories—Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland—into a solid bloc of 6,400,000 Africans, 200,000 Europeans and 14,500 Asians.

They wound up a month-old conference on the federation scheme by signing an agreed report embodying the proposals which will be published simultaneously in the four countries concerned before the end of next week.

It will first be the subject of a referendum in Southern Rhodesia, where many of the 150,000 white settlers are opposed to the scheme, which they regard as the first step towards African self-government.

The scheme also aims to go through the legislatures in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and finally, if it surmounts the obstacles, through the British Parliament.

The scheme may reshape the map of Africa by lumping 500,000 square miles of vastly rich country into a great federation between the Belgian Congo and the Union of South Africa.

ACID TEST

It is regarded by both black and white as the acid test of the British policy in Africa.

Details of the decision reached during the conference here of British government representatives and delegates from the three African territories are still secret.

The blueprint report was signed by Lord Swinton, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lettow, Colonial Secretary, Sir Godfrey Higgins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Gilbert Renouf, Governor of Northern Rhodesia, and Sir Godfrey Colby, Governor of Nyasaland.

In

Southern Rhodesia, where the first big test, the voters are predominantly white settlers. And many of them are proud of having been a self-governing colony since 1923 and are chary of uniting with the two Protectorates in the populous "Black North," though London continues there after federation.

African chiefs from Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland maintain that the great majority of voteless Africans in the territories are also opposed to federation.

They see in it the doom of their hopes of self-government and fear that the two Protectorates will come under the domination of the strong settler-run state.

British political parties are also divided on the scheme, Labour maintaining that it is dangerous to push through the federation in the face of African opposition.—Reuter.

Arms Scandal Trial Soon

Cairo, Jan. 29.

Twelve former senior Army and Navy officers and civil servants are to be brought to trial in connection with the Palestine arms scandal, an official source said here tonight.

The charges arise out of the alleged supply of faulty equipment to Egyptian troops during the 1948 Palestine war.

Prince Abbas-Halim, a second cousin of ex-king Farouk, who appeared in court yesterday, is accused of having squandered \$397,440 (about £183,000) which he received from state funds as agent of a Swiss firm.

Prince Abbas-Halim was first connected with the allegations that useless weapons were bought for the Army in September, 1953, when police searched his houses in Cairo and Alexandria and questioned him for eight hours.

Ex-king Farouk has also been linked with the "scandal" which some Egyptian officers and troops blamed for their defeat in the Palestine war.—Reuter.

European Unity

Paris, Jan. 29.

A woman was held here today for the slaying of her baby after detectives had followed up a murder story she had written and found the skeleton of a new-born infant buried beneath a garage.

Sheriff Val Baumgart said that second degree murder charges would be filed against Mrs. Christina Sturm, 27, who wrote the story of the slaying in a detective fiction contest.

Baumgart said that Mrs. Sturm's former husband from whom she had divorced three weeks ago told him of the manuscript and "put us on the trail."

Baumgart estimated that the infant had been buried six years. He said that Mrs. Sturm wrote the story of its death about a year ago.

The statement, approved by the whole Cabinet, was issued as the Government tabled a bill to ratify the European Army Treaty and the contractual agreements with the Bonn Republic. Committees have now examined the texts and Parliament is not expected to decide on ratification for at least three months.

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"PRETTY GOOD STORY"

"The crime probably would never have been discovered if she hadn't solved it for us in her 'unsolved mystery' story," the Sheriff said. "It was an unsolved crime the way she wrote it and it would have remained really an unsolved crime if it hadn't been written. It was pretty good story for an amateur writer. It might have won the contest if we hadn't got our hands on it first."

The Sheriff said that the divorced husband "had no suspicion himself until he had read the story."

Baumgart said that the story was unsigned and was written in the first person.

"Local names were used for other characters," he said. "She didn't say how the baby came to die but described all the details of how it was buried."

Manslaughter charges were filed against Mrs. Sturm but later they were withdrawn in favour of second degree murder, allying that the woman had caused the death of the infant by "abandonment."

He said he would appeal to the court.

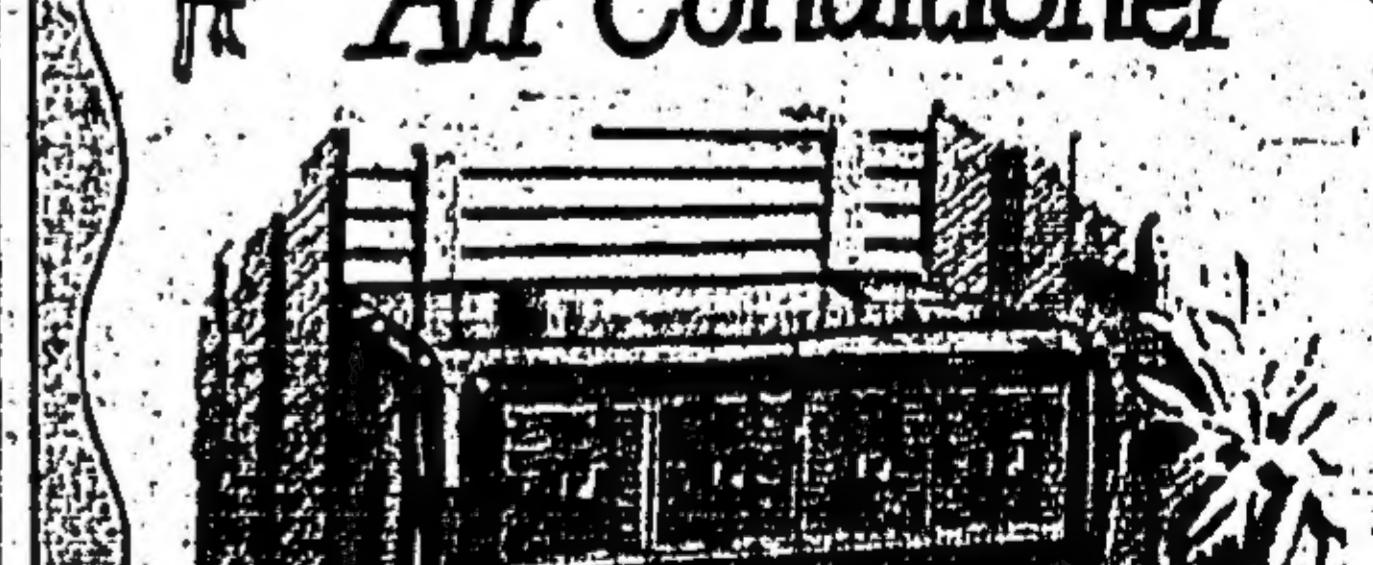
PRIME OBJECTIVE

It is impossible to make any further progress towards European integration without normalising the relations between the Allies and Germany and without a political scheme in which the Federal Republic would no longer be treated as a defeated and occupied country but as a partner.

The prime objective of Allied strategy, which is to defend Europe as far as the Far East as possible, would eventually prove impossible without the contribution of the

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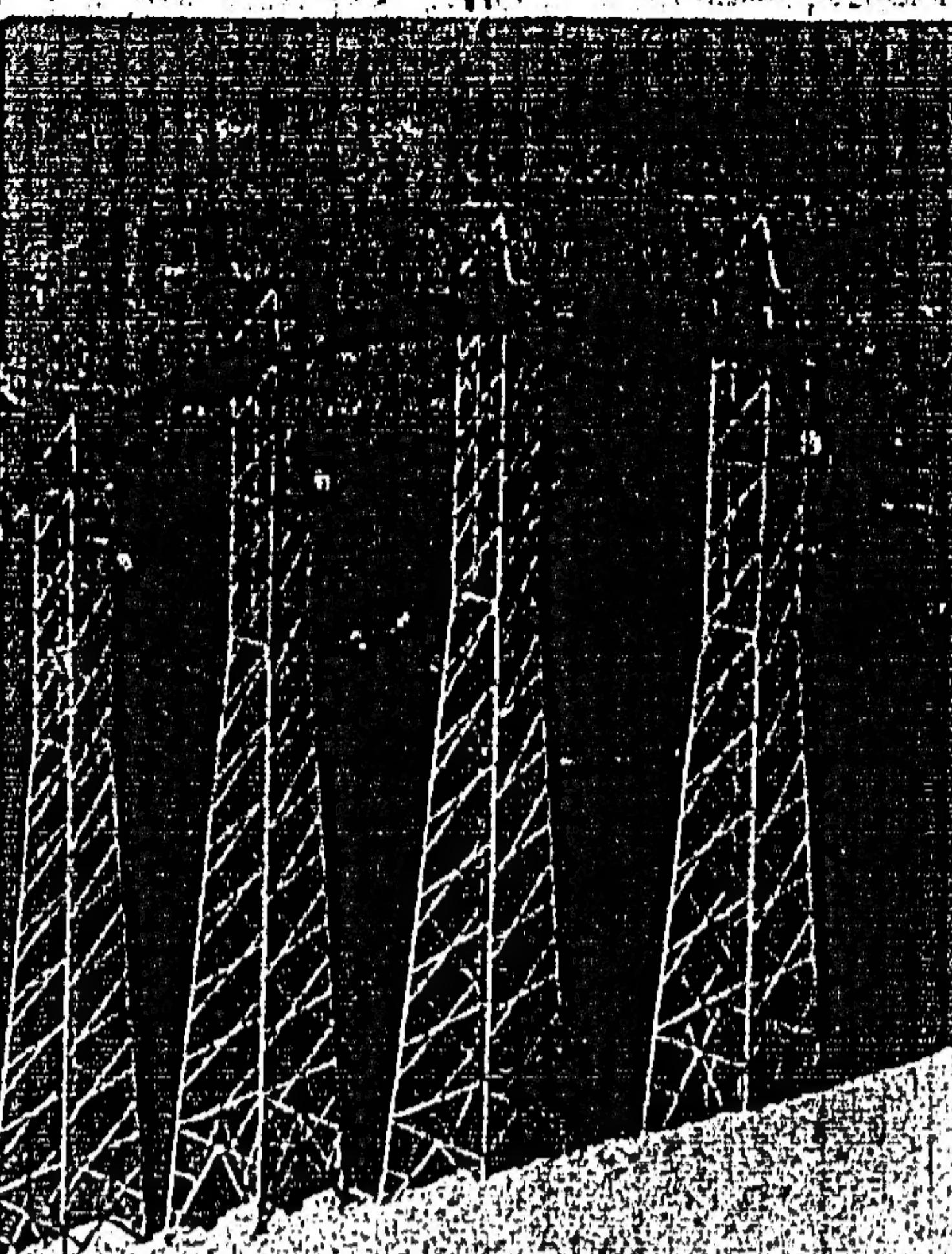
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Committee Hears Arguments On "Ike" Appointment

Washington, Jan. 29.

Robert T. B. Stevens said today he would dispose of his stock in a family textile company if the Senate Armed Services Committee insists he must win approval as Secretary of the Army.

"If the Committee feels I should dispose of the stock," he said, "I am prepared to do so."

Mr Stevens, who earlier had asked for more time to decide the question, hoped the Committee members would not take quick action on the issue.

President Eisenhower presented his formal nominations to the Senate and, in advance of their activities, asked for hearings by the Senate Armed Services Committee on the nominees.

The hearings quickly developed that the Administration was relying heavily on an order issued by Charles E. Wilson, the new Secretary of Defence, to clear the way for approval of Mr Stevens and Mr Harold Talbott (Republican—Massachusetts) read a letter from President Eisenhower asking for the hearing. He also called the Committee's attention to Mr Wilson's directive.

Mr Stevens at first told the Committee he could not dispose of his stock interests in the J. P. Stevens Co., Inc., textile firm, because part of it is held in trust.

The J. P. Stevens Co. has large defence contracts for textiles.

Mr Stevens told the Senators he would sell all his other industrial stock.

Any decision now that he had to sell his stock would discourage other businessmen from going into Government, Mr Stevens said, adding: "It is my humble but considered opinion that in calling able men to serve their Government the requirement of me that I dispose of my Stevens stock would have a long and serious adverse effect on the willingness of those successful business executives to serve."

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QUITE CLEAR

Mr Stevens presented to the Committee an opinion from John W. Davis, one-time Democratic Presidential nominee, that he could retain his stock in the family concern and meet requirements of the law in the light of Mr Wilson's order.

But the Senators pressed him as to whether he would be willing to sell his stock if they insisted.

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Mr Stevens said his company had about \$11,000,000 in contracts pending with the Government, representing the residue of about \$13,000,000 over the last year. But he noted that all purchasing is done by an Armed Services Textile and Apparel Procurement Agency, representing the Army, Navy and Air Force.—Associated Press.

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Tito Becomes President



Austerity Conditions In Britain Disappearing

London, Jan. 29. Little by little, the things that go to make living a bit more pleasant are coming back to this island.

Bananas, new cars, white bread, nylons, sweets—something every week or so, but so gradually that it is hardly noticed, and the people are almost unaware that the maze of restrictions and the austere that have endured since wartime are slowly disappearing.

The Conservative Government of Mr. Winston Churchill can take part, though certainly not all, of the credit.

So injured are come to austerity that the Socialists actually raised a howl when it was announced that eggs would go off the ration this Spring. But they found little public response to the arguments that eggs would cost more, for the unanswerable reply was that at least there would be eggs.

Coronation Year is partly responsible for the improvement, for the British naturally want to put their best foot forward for the hundreds of thousands of foreigners who will be here for the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II.

All of these relaxations are not altogether a healthy sign, however.

For example, Australia so slashed her import of British-made cars that motorists who thought last Summer that they would have to wait three years or so for a new car now find

TROUBLE PURELY TECHNICAL

London, Jan. 29. The British Overseas Airways Corporation today began placing back in service its fleet of 10 American-built Stratocruisers grounded a week ago because of engine trouble.

Marshal Tito applauds after taking the oath of office before the Yugoslav Parliament to become the first President of his country. The post was created as a result of constitutional changes and Tito was elected by 508 votes to one. — Express Photo.

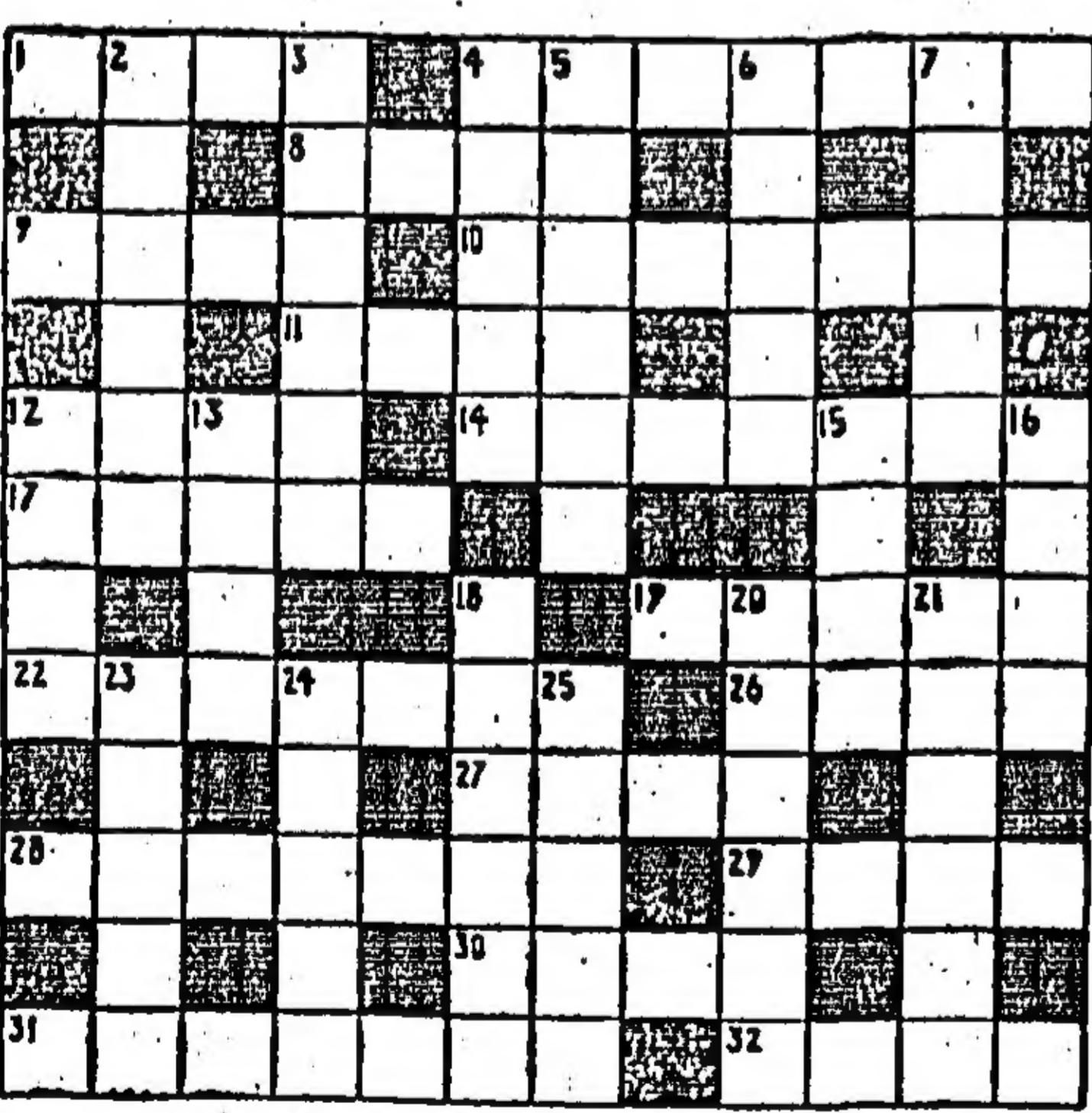
Cairo Changes Its Tune

Cairo, Jan. 29. The Egyptian Government faced with serious difficulties due to uncollected cotton stocks, tonight announced conditions for the export of this commodity and other products.

It authorised the export of cotton, and other Egyptian products which may be freely exported, to the Sterling Area against payment of half the price in Sterling, and the other half either in Egyptian currency or an export account or in barter goods.

A Finance Ministry announcement said: "This is a departure from the decision already taken by the Ministry, namely, to allow the export of cotton, and other Egyptian products which may be freely exported, against payment of half the price in dollars and the other half in Egyptian pounds on an export account." — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

1. Error. 2. Layer. 3. Opulent. 4. Emblem of saintliness. 5. Indemnities. 6. Prejudice. 7. Merit out. 8. Peat. 9. Shovel. 10. Torture. 11. Aggravated. 12. Lair. 13. Church. 14. Shivering fit. 15. Discover. 16. Thrust opposite in. 17. Sinner.

2. Idler. 3. Examined. 4. Flight. 5. School or college exercise. 6. On high. 7. Superior. 8. Fitting. 9. Journey. 10. Cotton. 11. Stock. 12. Really. 13. Attempts. 14. Bird. 15. Constellation. 16. Niggard. 17. Concise.

18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Ghost, 5 Doubt, 8 Domino, 18 Carrot, 20 Cleve, 22 Visa, 23 Rolls, 26 Bread, 28 Deprnd, 27 Defter, 29 Shiled, 40 Degree, 41 Donkey, 42 Growling, 43 Ordinance, 44 Trim, 4 Section, 4 Dialect, 6 Ozone, 7 Bruce, 14 Dominice, 15 Strudle, 16 Breaded, 17 Moulded, 18 Abrade, 21 Launch, 24 Sire. — Associated Press.

Talks On European Transport Pool

Paris, Jan. 29. Transport Ministers from eight European countries met in Paris today to take the first tentative steps toward unifying their transport systems.

The French Transport Minister, Andre Morice, last December invited 11 countries to meet in an effort to set up a European transport pool something like the already-existing Schuman coal cartel.

Britain, Spain and Portugal—all at extremes of Europe's transport systems—declined.

Those represented today are France, Italy, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Among the measures the three-day conference in the French Foreign Ministry will study are: 1—a plan to extend the present arrangements for pooling freight cars at all member countries.

2—Standardization of railroad equipment.

3—Unification, where possible, of railroad tariffs.

4—Co-ordination of truck highways and canals used for international traffic.

All nations participating in the present conference are members of the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), which called its own conference to study transport co-operation next March.

Anglo-Egyptian Talks



Sir Ralph Stevenson, Britain's Ambassador to Egypt, calls on Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fuwzi, and hands to him a new draft agreement for a settlement of the Sudan problem. — Express Photo.

Coronation Hotel Charges Queried

London, Jan. 29. The Government today replied to suggestions that the record number of tourists expected here for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth might get fleeced by hotels.

Brigadier Mackeson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, refused, under Labourite questioning, to make public what rates will be asked during Coronation Week.

A Look Into The Future

Washington, Jan. 29. Lieut. General James Doolittle quoted military sources today as saying that America eventually would produce rocket engines with a 500,000-pound thrust developing speeds approaching 20,000 miles an hour.

General Doolittle, who led the first air raid on Tokyo in the last war, made this statement in an article written for "Aircraft" magazine of the Aircraft Industries Association.

He also said: "future jet fighter planes would fly faster than 1,000 miles an hour and that jet passenger planes to link New York and Los Angeles (an air distance of 2,458 miles) in four hours were being designed by the United States aircraft industry." — Reuter.

GANDHI MEMORIAL PILLARS

New Delhi, Jan. 29. More than 100 inscribed memorial pillars are to be erected throughout India in places associated with Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated by a Hindu fanatic at a prayer meeting five years ago today.

But the pillars will be only a small part of the tributes planned by the Gandhi Memorial Fund, built up by the rupees of the rich, and the annas of the poor to more than ten crores of rupees (£7,500,000).

Five years after being shot, Mahatma Gandhi is already a legendary figure, whose moral and political influence runs deep not only in India but also throughout the world.

Unfinished portraits of the Mahatma decorated every public hall in the country and besides over every Congress meeting.

Four museums are to be built by the Memorial Fund to contain the relics of the Mahatma, who revolutionized India to freedom through non-violence. — Reuter.

Sir Miles Thalau, Chairman of British Overseas Airways, today forecast a more intensive use of air services for the whole of the African continent.

Comet jets airliner services are to be increased and speeded up, he said on his return from a visit to Johannesburg.

Tourist services, about 25 per cent cheaper than present rates, are to be operated in conjunction with South African Airways later this year.

Sir Miles flew into London Airport in a Comet from a 12,000-mile business trip to Central and South Africa. — Reuter.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has promised that his Government would pay the first \$47,000,000 instalment of German-Israel reparations within the next two months.

At the same time, the 77-year-old Christian Democrat announced that the pact would be submitted to Parliament for ratification later this week despite Arab threats of an economic boycott against Germany if the \$822,000,000 agreement becomes effective.

A German Government spokesman disclosed that Dr. Adenauer made these promises to Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the Jewish World Conference on Material Claims against Germany, when the latter met with the Chancellor two days ago.

Dr. Adenauer told correspondents yesterday that he had assured Dr. Goldman that the Israeli Government need not worry about Germany fulfilling its obligations. — United Press.

BALKAN PACT NEGOTIATIONS MAKE PROGRESS

Athens, Jan. 29.

Speaking at a Press conference today the Turkish Foreign Minister, Fuad Koprulu, underlined the importance of his talks with the Yugoslavs in Belgrade.

The Yugoslavs, he said, see present and future events and necessities with remarkable clarity and realism.

Like Greece and Turkey, the two countries will be signed or anything about its contents.

FIRM CONVICTION

Asked whether Italy might oppose signature of the pact when it is submitted to the NATO Council for ratification, M. Koprulu said: "You are putting me in an embarrassing position."

He however, expressed the hope that no pact aiming at collective security would find any opposition on the part of anyone.

Asked whether Italy would join the pact, M. Koprulu said the pact, aimed at security, will be joined by as many countries as possible.

M. Koprulu disclosed that he had invited the Greek Foreign Minister, Stephan Stephanopoulos, to visit Ankara but no date had been set yet.

He concluded by expressing the firm conviction that the pact will eventually be signed but could not say how soon. — Associated Press.

Amnesty For War Criminals?

Tokyo, Jan. 30.

A senior official of the Japanese Supreme Prosecutor's Office said today that he believed France would grant a general amnesty to Japanese war criminals still in their custody today in the near future.

The official, Deputy Chief Procurator Yoshihiko Kishimoto, who has just returned from the International Criminal Law and Prison Conference in Europe, said that he had talked to law officials of Britain, France and the Netherlands regarding early release of Japanese war criminals held by them.

Mr. Kishimoto said he had learned from French officials that France would soon grant an amnesty to Japanese war criminals. Two amnesties have already been granted — on Bastille Day in 1830 and 1951.

Mr. Kishimoto said that he had discovered through negotiations with the Japanese section of the Netherlands Foreign Office that neither Japan nor the Netherlands possessed copies of the court sentences — the only material on which releases can be based.

Both Japan and the Netherlands had taken steps to get copies from the Indonesian Government.

Mr. Kishimoto said the chairman of the British War Criminals Release Committee had told him: "I fully understand the feeling of the Japanese people, but I would like the Japanese people to understand the sentiments of the many people here in Britain who suffered at the hands of the German army."

Mr. Kishimoto said the Dutch seemed to be of the same opinion. — Reuter.

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Goering Land Forfeit

Vienna, Jan. 29.

The property in Austria of late Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, former Nazi leader, has been declared forfeit to the State under the War Criminals Law by a Linz Court.

He appealed against the sentence and was released from arrest in August. The release was later rescinded at the request of the prosecution but Goering had then disappeared. — Reuter.

The property, valued at about 300,000 schillings (about £5,000), consists of Maillendorf Castle in Salzburg province, which was left to Goering during the war under the will of its owner, Elizabeth Epstein.

Her heirs are contesting the validity of the will. — United Press.

TO-MORROW

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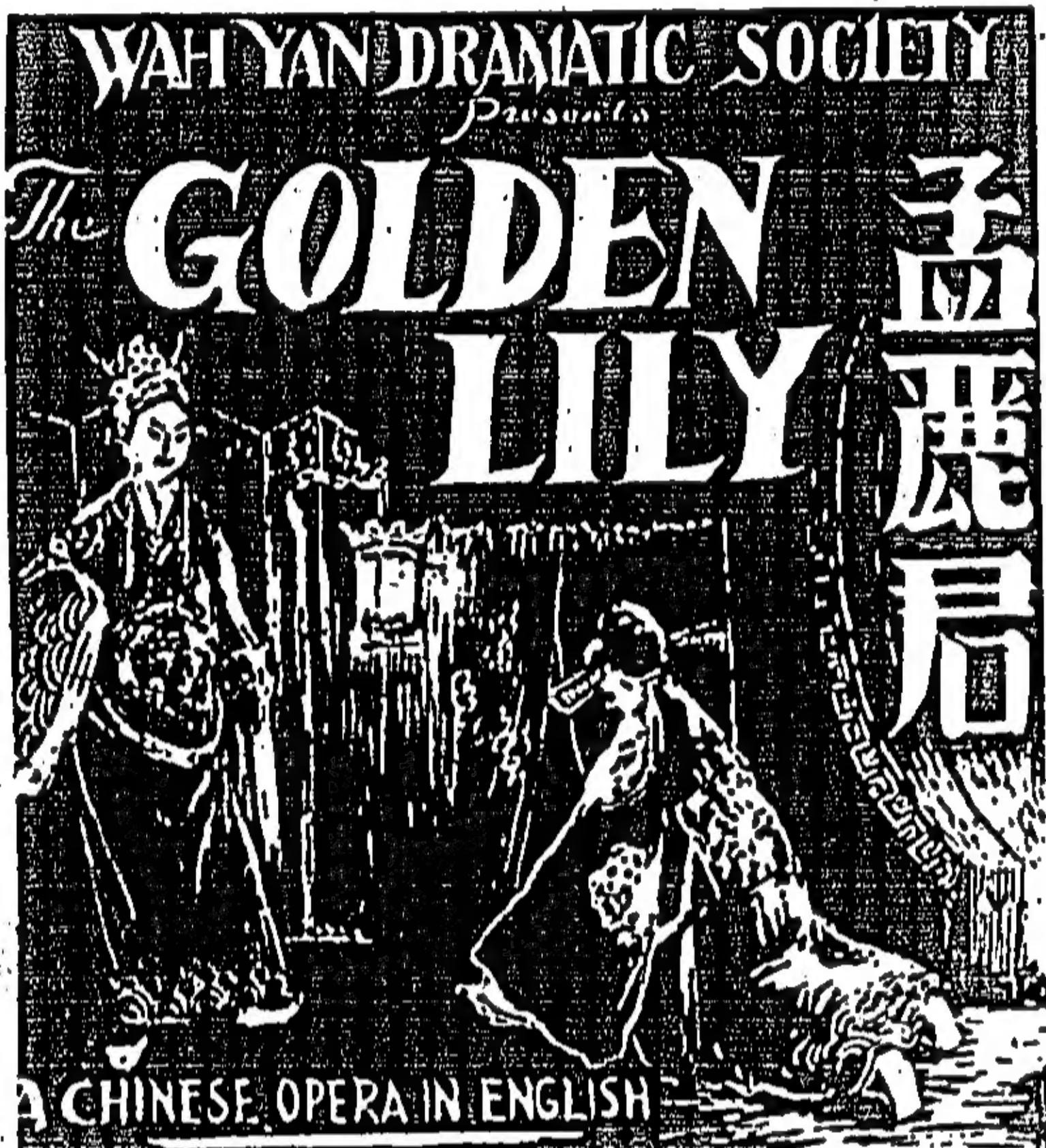


'BLACK & WHITE' SCOTCH WHISKY

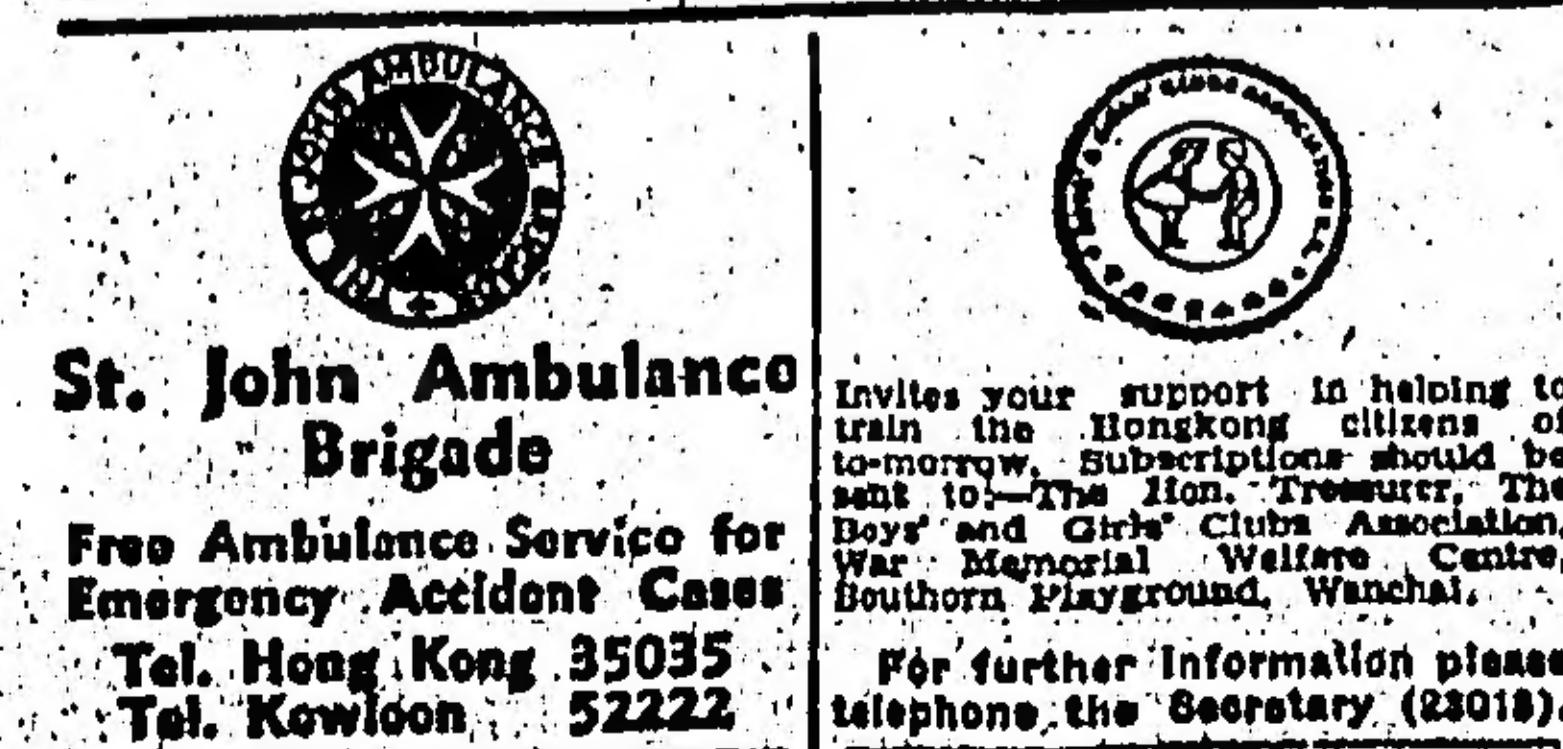
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ODD, THE THINGS I DO Interviewing a cat

By Bernard Wicksteed

London. JUST as I was going for lunch someone in the office said: "Be a good chap and pop up to the BBC. They've got a cat there giving a Press conference."

So I missed my lunch and leaped into a taxi. There wasn't even time to buy a kipper for the cat.

The celebrity that caused this flutter in Fleet Street is a Siamese queen called Tai Lu. (All female cats are queens). She is about to miaow on the air in Lionel Gammie's programme "Hello There."

She has been on TV and has had two books written about her imaginary adventures. She is also insured for £500 against theft, arson, food poisoning, and accidental motherhood.

As it happened, it was a good job. I didn't buy her a kipper, because under the terms of her insurance policy she is not allowed to eat pork or fish with bones in it.

★

Tai Lu was ushered into the studio in a basket and let out. She took one look at the photographers and me with my notebook at the ready and dashed off to hide under a grand piano.

Billy Thatcher, her owner and biographer, coaxed her out. He bent down under the piano and made a noise like a mouse.

The photographers wanted a picture of her miaowing into a microphone, but Tai Lu had other ideas and wouldn't pose. So a publicity man who had gone with them, it remains to be seen whether Reston can now maintain his own high standards under the fishy eye of the new Republican administration. He will have to be at his most charming to do so.

But Washington will probably go on leaking away merrily—for that's the way it likes to do things.

LUXURIES

NOW some of the nice things to come back to—I can't tell you what a luxury it is to be able to buy tickets for pretty well any show in the West End without suffering the irritating realisation that you are on the rough end of an extortion racket. And to eat some game against Game is almost unobtainable in most parts of the States. And to rediscover how good things can taste.

—(London Express Service)

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RANGERS ARE FAVOURITES FOR THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Celts May Help Them Win The Flag

By JIMMY CARABINE

Rangers are favourites to win the League Championship—and old rivals Celtic may help them to do it. East Fife and Hibs, the two clubs above Rangers at present, visit Celtic Park on the last two Saturdays in March.

And long before then the injured stars Boden, Fallon, Ballie and Walsh are expected to be back in the Parkhead team.

Apart from this, the Ibrox men seem to have an earlier programme than their two rivals.

At present East Fife, with 27 points, hold a one-point lead over Hibs with the same number of games played. But the Methil club have still to visit Easter Road.

Rangers are two points behind Hibs and three behind the leaders, but have two games in hand of both—and East Fife are due at Ibrox on Saturday.

REMAINING FIXTURES
Here are the remaining fixtures of the top three:

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

EIGHTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 7th February, 1953.

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 3 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$16.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting, as well as for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices etc.

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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

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Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBER'S BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptador Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptador Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of chits will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

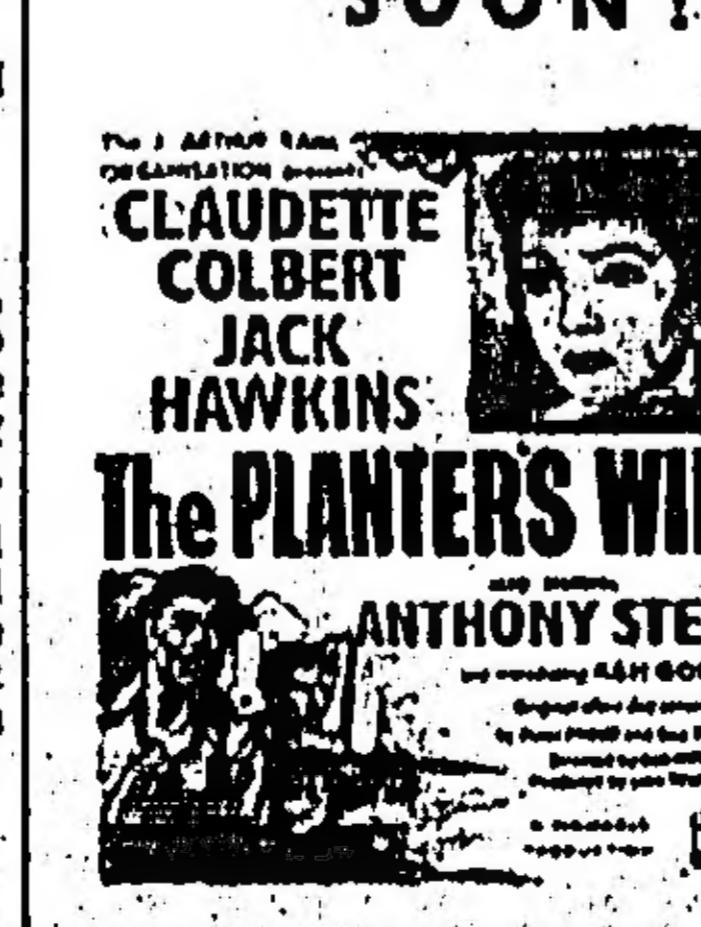
SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

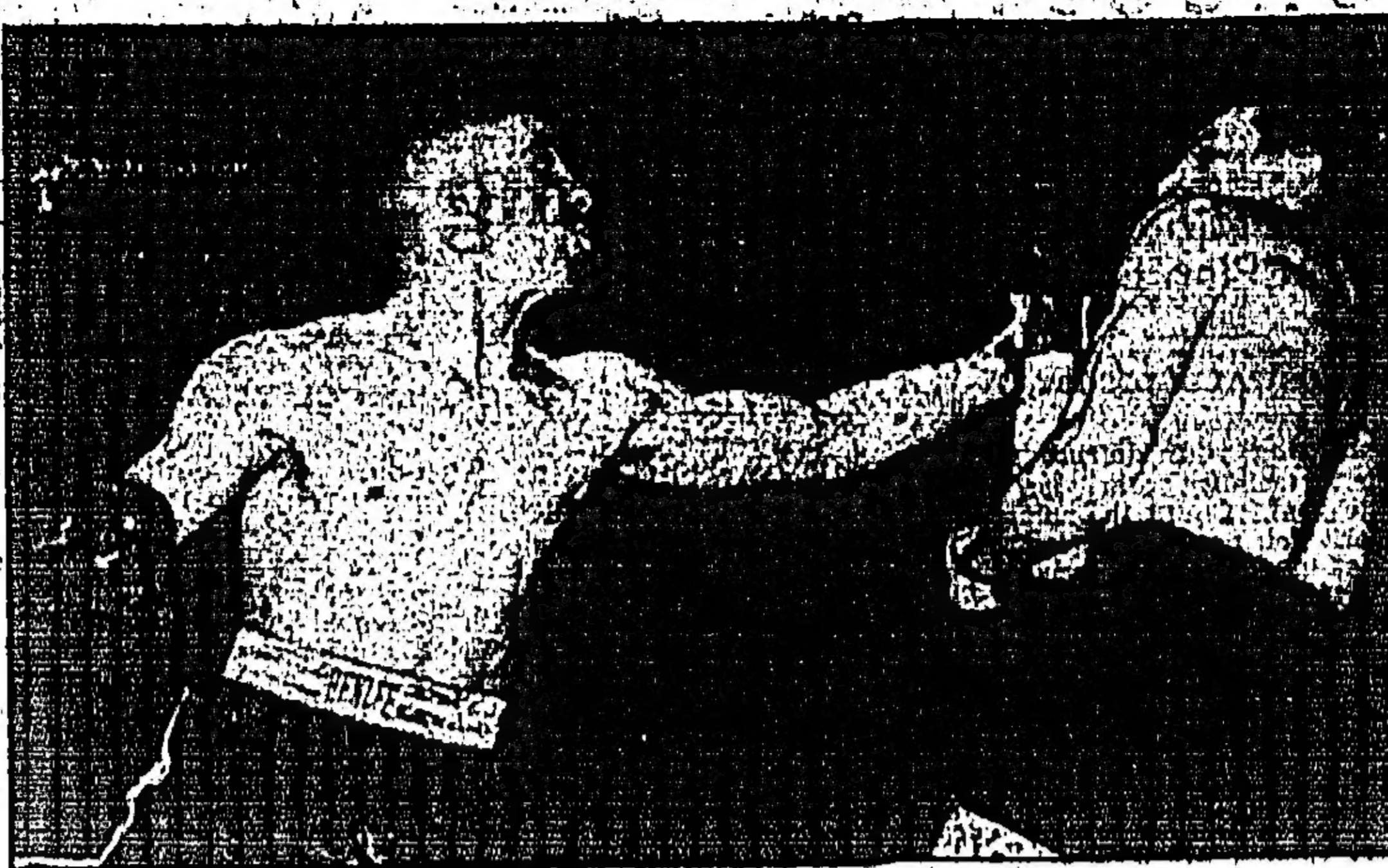
Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. M. ISAAC,
Secretary.

COMING SOON!



THE START OF A "TURPIN SPECIAL"



Danger ahead for Belgian cruiserweight Victor D'Haeze (right) as Randolph Turpin prepares to send over a "Turpin special" in the sixth round of their fight at Birmingham.

For most of the fight the British Champion was content to coast along steadily. But this time he meant business. It was a portent of things to come. Within a minute the Belgian was being counted out. — Express Photo.

GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

Ankarah?—No, No, A Thousand Times No, Say McCarthy's Backers

Sammy McCarthy, one of the very few rising stars in the 1953 boxing firmament, takes time out from greengrocery and gymnasium training to knock an ambitious idea squarely on the head.

Last week came a revival of the suggestion that McCarthy, pending his attempt on the British Featherweight Championship, should stage a grand assault on the Empire title held by Roy Ankarah, picturesquely known to the publicity departments as the Black Flash from Accra.

Here, it was pointed out, was a splendid opportunity for the smiling and unbeaten McCarthy to achieve international status without jeopardising his chance of fighting the winner of the forthcoming Championship meeting between Ronnie Clayton and Freddie King—a meeting, incidentally, for which no promotional bids appear yet to have been made.

Sammy, one each with Aldershot, Luton and Hull, and two with Newcastle, the ultimate Cup winners."

COMMENT: Eleven games in six rounds is a jolly good show. But Brighton got into their ninth round with the same number of games.

Specialists like McDonald Bailey in the 100 metres and Bannister or Nonkeville in the 1,500 metres would assuredly beat the husky Californian. Nor could Mathias be expected to match such top hurdlers as Peter Hilditch and Jack Parker. Still, it's a bright idea.

NOT SO RUSTY: South Africa's Duggie Miller, due to fight Randolph Turpin at Leicester on February 16, would be wise to ignore all those stories about Turpin being ring rusty, short of practice, out of form, or in any other way incapacitated.

Turpin's six-round knock-out of Victor D'Haeze, the Belgian cruiserweight champion, at Birmingham, showed us once again how for the man who beat Ray Robinson has progressed in the not-so-simple arts of boxing showmanship.

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But can the sire of only one winner be called really successful? He is young as "chasing" sires go, rising 15 this year, and his owner may at least be able to capitalise this success for a few years to come.

The 1931 Cesarewitch winner, Noble Star, born in 1927 and now dead, is enjoying his most successful year. His offspring have won more races so far than any other sire under these rules.

As Wenceslaus and Crudwell are only young, as "chaser" go, Noble Star's name should appear in the winning lists for many years to come.

SOLID PUNCH: A left hook to the ribs, followed instantaneously by left and right to the jaw, had D'Haeze on his knees. Rising at "nino" the luckless Belgian stumbled into a storm of Turpin right-handers and took in the region of his kidneys—because he twisted—a solid punch aimed at the short ribs.

Turpin began the fight with a partly healed scar on his nose, and reported with great enthusiasm that it was given him by his new sparring partner, Willie Glynn, of St. Helens.

Inviting me to inspect this young man, Turpin declared him to be the most promising cruiserweight he has seen for years. After all, not every sparring partner gets up off the floor to punch Turpin on the nose!

Nevertheless, I see manager King's point. Sammy McCarthy shows every sign of becoming a wealthy young boxer—without being exposed to those highly charged electric ods that serve Ankarah as arms and legs.

And that seems to be that. Personally, I think Ankarah's shortcomings were sufficiently exposed by the left hand of Frenchman Ray Fanechon last year to suggest that McCarthy would not come to any great harm against him.

In England, in similar circumstances, he would probably lose by at least the same margin, however well he performed in the field events.

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Remarks here on Brighton and Hove's "record" of 11 FA Cup ties between October and March, 1932-33, have inspired reminders of other soccer marathons.

Mr. David R. Myddleton (Henley-on-Thames) writes: "In the 1950-51 Cup series, Bristol Rovers also had to play 11 games, but these were completed between November 25 and the end of February."

They played three matches with finally, three with Gilling-

'CHASING SIRE BECOME FAMOUS ONLY WHEN DEAD

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The successful 'chasing' sire is indeed a tororn creature. He is either dead or in the last stages of his life when he becomes famous, and his success brings no profit to his owner, who may have been persevering with him for years.

There is no way of forecasting a successful 'chasing' sire, though the successful ones occupy the stage for a long time once they arrive. Thus we had the era of My Prince, which produced the Grand National winners Royal Mail and Reynoldstown.

Then came the Cottage era and then the Steel Point era, brought to the fore by Freebooter. Steel Point was born 30 years ago this year. He is still there though he is dead.

The son of Hyperion has already produced 11 winners this season, but as he stands at a fee of £250, he is not likely to be put to 'chasing' mares.

—(London Express Service)

Death Follows Boxing Match

Exeter, Jan. 29. A national sorcierman, Private J. Lanham of Leyton, London, died in hospital at Exeter today after taking part in the REME Southwestern District Individual Boxing Championships last night.

Private Lanham, who is serving with the REME Basic Training Battalion at Taunton, fought in a lightweight contest against another Londoner, Private Nogle, of the same battalion.

The fight went the full distance of three 3-minute rounds. Nogle, being on top all the time and landing some heavy body blows.

After Nogle was declared the points winner, Lanham climbed out of the ring unaided, but he collapsed in his second's arms as he was entering the dressing room. —Heuter.

NINE DRAGONS DARTS, TABLE TENNIS FINALS

The finals of the December-January Darts and Table Tennis Competitions organised by the Nine Dragons Services Club were played off at the club yesterday.

The Darts Competition was won by 56 Field Squadron, R.E., who beat their opponents, 80 Squadron, R.A.F., 4-2, while three Chinese drivers of 58 Company, R.A.C., beat the 98 Medium Battery, R.A., 4-0 in the Table Tennis Competition.

Following the matchers, Mrs. Odling, wife of the Commanding Officer of the 72 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., Lieut. Col. W. Odling, O.B.E., M.C., distributed the trophies to the lucky winners.

The winning teams were:

Darts—Spr. Rebil, Spr. Fagan, Spr. Wall, Col. Burnett (56 Field Squadron R.E.).

Table Tennis—Drs. Lam, Chung, D. King, Wai (98 Medium Battery, R.A.).

Units are reminded that the closing date for the February Competitions is Saturday, January 31.

Athletic Records Ratified

London, Jan. 28.

The International Athletic Federation today recognised 32 new world's track and field records, including seven by United States athletes and 14 which were established in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

In addition, the Federation also recognised 20 new Olympic marks. The new records which were achieved by Americans included the spectacular decathlon performance of Bob Mathias of Tulare, California, who piled up 7,887 points in the ten events at Helsinki. —United Press.

All concerned are requested to attend these practice sessions.

Practice Sessions For Interport Hockey Teams

The 25 players who have been selected to represent Hong Kong in the annual Interport hockey games against Macao are advised that practice has been arranged for Wednesday, February 4, Friday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 11, at 8.15 p.m. at Soekunpoor, United Press.



AMERICA'S COACHES HOPE TO LEARN SOCCER SECRETS FROM MATT BUSBY

By TOM FINNEY

The day may not be too far distant when the USA challenges England, Scotland, Austria, Hungary and the rest of the world for the position of Number One Soccer country. This is the purpose behind the invitation from New York to Matt Busby, popular Scottish manager of Manchester United.

The Americans want Matt, grand wing-half, of a few years back, to spend two months in their country. They hope he will impart some of the British secrets to America's coaches. But this is only a start to the U.S. programme to elevate football to a level as high as baseball as a public attraction.

It all seems a very far cry from that disastrous day in 1950 when U.S. Soccer received a boost for greater than any amount of coaching could give it. I am thinking of course of the time when this beat England 1-0 in the World Cup series. That was the most incredible match in which I have played.

It is not unfair to the Americans to say they were a mediocre side. Many Third Division clubs would have beaten

them—and not without some to spare. Yet, try as we could, England did not get a goal. Roy Bentley, at centre-forward, hit the post three times. Little Wilf Mannion had similar luck on two occasions and so, I think, did Stan Mortensen.

SET AMERICANS THINKING

This victory really started the Americans thinking. They hankered after a return game

George Angelo's Plans For The Future Do Not Cover Boxing

By BRUCE HARRIS

Out of the din and dazzle of the Harringay boxing ring stepped South African George Angelo, after keeping creditable company with the redoubtable Randolph Turpin for a full 15 rounds. He was threatened with blindness and sensibly said good-bye to boxing.

This happened in October. Where and how is Angelo now? To be exact he is in Clarendon Gardens, Notting Hill Gate, where he told me that, thanks to the surgeons, his damaged left eye is nearly as good as his sound right one.

But he has no intention whatever of returning to the ring.

IN DANGER

For nearly a month Angelo lay in hospital for an operation for detached retina. The danger was not only that his eye would go blind, but that the other would follow in sympathy. But after taking off the bandages the surgeons were able to tell him that they had been successful.

In time, the eye will be entirely restored, but meanwhile he must avoid jerks or bumps. So at 27 he finds himself retired.

"My idea," said Angelo, "is to go to a training school for motor mechanics and then to return to Johannesburg and set up in the motor business. But after taking off the bandages the surgeons were able to tell him that they had been successful."

Meetings between ourselves and USA are the lifeblood of football, tennis and, to a certain extent these days, even horse-racing. It could be the same for soccer.

And you can wager that the American reputation for having something bigger and better will apply to football. Perhaps in floodlighting perhaps in the staging of games, perhaps even in tactical methods, the U.S. will have a great contribution to offer to our old-established game. Says Mr Schwartz: "We are looking forward to the day when we can meet the Soccer nations of the world on terms of equality. And win."

I don't know so much about the winning. But most of us over here will welcome with Mr Schwartz the era of a powerful USA.

Mrs Angelo, who joined him here soon after his last fight, bringing with her their two-year-old son Mark, entirely agreed. I asked Mrs Angelo, a cheerful young blonde, whether she would encourage Mark to follow his father into the ring.

TOO ARDUOUS

"Certainly not," she said. "It's too arduous a game. If the boy must make a living from sport, what's wrong with golf—a nice pleasant game where nobody gets his eye hurt."

Her husband still feels the call of the boxing ring even though he will never enter it again. Joe Lucy happened to be training that afternoon for his lightweight fight with Tommy McGovern.

"I'm off round to the gymnasium to see how he shapes," said Angelo as we parted. —United Press.

(London Express Service)

KOREAN CAGE TEAM HERE

An All-Star Korean basketball team, which will play a series of games in the Colony, arrived here from Taipei by CAT plane yesterday.

Headed by Mr Leo Sung-ku, the Koreans lost one out of nine games played in Formosa.

Three members of the visiting team represented Korea in the Olympic Games of 1948 which were held in London.

TODAY'S SPORT

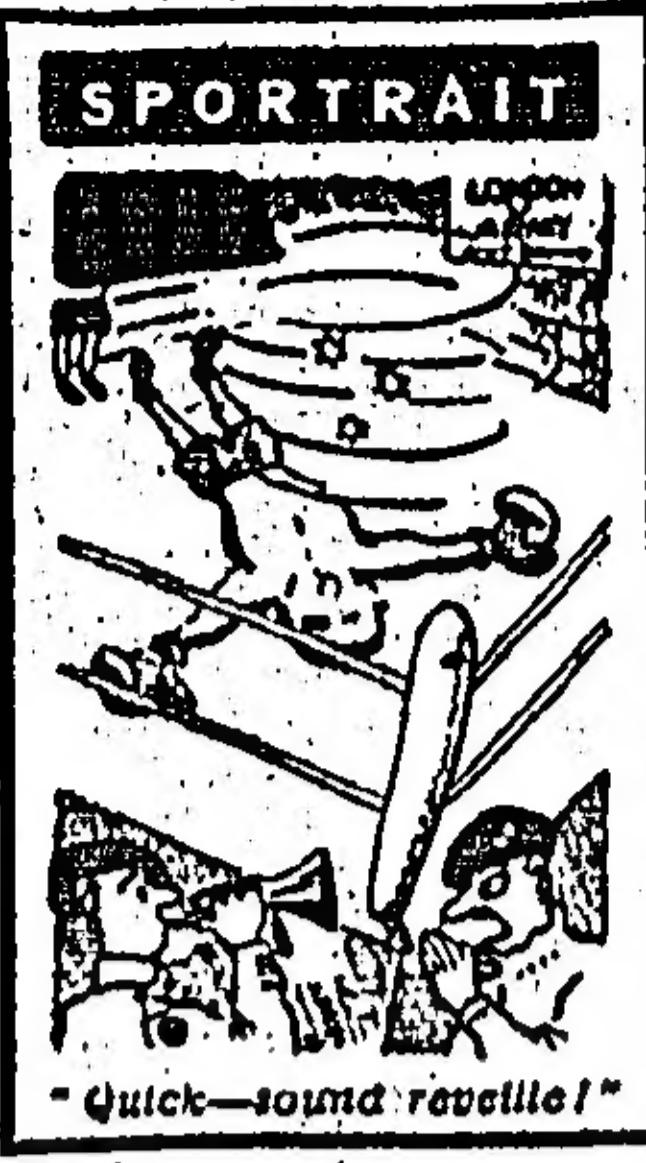
Badminton
Men's "C" Doubles—Recreio "Green" v. St. John's "Union" v. Craigenhower "Yellow"; New Bharat "White"; Y.M.C.A.; St. Teresa "King"; Recreio v. Tytan.

Snooker & Billiards
Colony Open Championships at Club Luisitano, 8 p.m.

Squash
Land Forces Squash Championships at Victoria Barracks Squash Courts commencing 8.15 p.m.

Table Tennis

Business Houses Sports Association meeting at the Club, Lower Albert Road, commencing 7.30 p.m.



London Express Service

Civil Aid Services Orders For The Coming Week

No. 3 Orders issued by the Hon. C. E. Terry, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services, of January 30, 1953.

Presentation of Certificates—A presentation of Certificates of Qualification to Wardens who were called at the recent examination, will take place in the School Hall of Queen's College on Wednesday, February 25, 1953, commencing at 7 p.m.

Further details will be circulated to all those concerned.

Appointments—The Commissioner, Civil Aid Services, has made the following appointment:

Mr Harold James Young, to be Pay-Master, Civil Aid Services, w.e.f. 17.1.53.

Special Parades—The following Special Parades for all personnel who took part in Exercise LARKS-2 will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 1953:

Central Zone at 7 p.m.; Holly Lodge, Bellairs Public School; Upper Levels at 8.30 p.m.; Wong Illing Garden, Upper Castle Road; Illy Hill, 10 p.m.; Queen's College, 10.30 p.m.; St. John's, 11 p.m.; Tai-kuo Chinese School, Quarry Bay Village; Tsimshatsui; 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon; 7 p.m.; Hung Hom; 7 p.m.; Kowloon Docks Memorial School; Mong Kok; 7 p.m.; Yang Wan College; Sham Shui Po; 7 p.m.; Hong Kong Textile Association; 7 p.m.; Lok Sin Tong Free School; Command Post (Hong Kong); 4.15 p.m.; C.A.S. Office, King's Building.

Further details will be circulated to all those concerned.

Last Night's Badminton

RECREIO JUST EDGE OUT CRAIGENGOWER IN SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

By "ARGONAUT"

In a closely-contested Senior Mixed Doubles Badminton League match at Craigenhower last night, Club de Recreio just edged out Craigenhower by five sets to four.

The set score went from 2-2 to 3-3. Recreio then led 4-3, but Craigenhower drew level again at 4-4 after a fine effort by Wong Kai-cheong and Miss Stella Correa who recovered from a 0-8 and 5-10 deficit to beat J. A. Soares and Miss Bernadine Remedios by 21-10 and end up as the most successful pair of the night with three wins.

In the deciding ninth set, Recreio's F. Rozano and Miss M. Xavier took the initial command lead of 8-3 against Bill Funk and Miss Helen Lee, and sailed on to a comfortable 21-8 win to give Recreio their victory.

Two new lady players, Miss Helen Lee and Miss Perin Dabber, made their debut in Senior League matches and showed promise of developing into valuable acquisitions for the Valley club.

THE RESULTS
Senior Mixed Doubles
666—Recreio v. Craigenhower

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TAIPEI'S APPEAL TO JAPAN

Taipei, Jan. 29. Mr. K. Y. Yin, Director of Central Trust and the Taiwan Provincial Supply Board, appealed to Japan yesterday in view of the latter's intention to raise the consumption tax on brown sugar from Taiwan.

News of the Japanese tax increase caused much concern to Nationalist officials at the sale of Taiwan brown sugar has been the Nationalist Government's largest source of foreign exchange.

Mr. Yin appealed to Japan to exercise foresight in trading with Nationalist China.

He said that by forcing the price of Taiwan sugar down below its cost, Japan would eventually find the trade volume of the two countries decreasing.

The consequence would not be to the best interest of the Japanese, Mr. Yin declared. — France-Press.

London Stock Exchange

Bank Announces Appointment

London, Jan. 29. Gold shares listed on the London Stock Exchange today but eased later on profit-taking. Copper and diamonds were briefly active but both closed with small losses.

Government bonds closed generally unchanged. German bonds improved but Japanese declined. Shipping issues generally gained.

Mr. Grogan was formerly Director of the Budget at the French Finance Ministry.

France-Press.

Japanese Cotton Industry Is Preparing For New Attack On Markets
TOUGHER COMPETITION AHEAD

(By Richard Hughes)

Osaka, Jan. 29. In the mills and business houses around Osaka, leaders of Japan's cotton industry are re-aligning their forces for a fresh attack on world markets. Tougher competition must be expected from the new-style Japanese industry.

The major cotton groups in Japan are co-operating to hold down wasteful and excessive production, to stabilise the industry, and to rationalise methods of weaving and designing so as to raise quality and lower prices.

An important first move has been the establishment of a Cotton Goods Export Adjustment Association, formed to expand exports of cotton products by stabilising prices at international levels.

London, Jan. 29. Uncertainty about American tariff policies is the greatest deterrent to British exports to the United States, the Federation of British Industries said in its current "FBi Review."

"The outgoing American Administration has been firm in its policy of liberalising the American tariff, but British exporters can have little confidence about exporting to the United States until the new Administration and the new Congress have made their intentions crystal-clear," the journal said. — Associated Press.

The association, with a capital of 1,000,000,000 yen (£1,000,000), will buy, sell and keep in stock cotton goods qualified for export. The capital will be invested by member companies, and possession of 10,000 working spindles entitles a member to buy one share at a cost of 1,500,000 yen (£1,500 Sterling).

It is agreed that the association will handle only cotton yarn, cloth and bleached cloth, that it will buy such goods when domestic prices fall below international levels, and that it will sell goods on hand when their prices rise higher than international levels and exports appear difficult.

Half the profit or loss resulting from the purchase and sales of cotton goods will be shared by member companies on the basis of the number of shares they

hold. The other half will be shared by members in proportion to the purchases made from them.

MORE FAIL

The drive for disciplined co-operation gathered momentum after Japan's delegates had returned from the recent International Textile Conference in London. The Japanese were deeply impressed by the dogged resolution of Lancashire to increase quality production.

"If we do not work together, we shall remain idle separately," one leading Japanese delegate told his fellow-directors.

Although it is believed that the market will eventually be stabilised around £70 to £75 per bale of 20's yarn, Osaka has no illusions about the future.

Another significant trend has been the increasing number of failures among the small "mushroom" firms—companies which flourished when the spindle ceiling was lifted by the occupation authorities, but were unable to withstand last year's trade slump.

DEVOU HOPE

Washington, Jan. 29. The total number of 1952 bankruptcy cases in the Japanese cotton industry was approximately 220 compared with 80 in 1951.

Japanese textile authorities expect—and the "Big Ten" spinning companies devoutly hope—that this trend will continue. It is pointed out that the number of firms of fewer than 5,000 spindles each rose from eight in 1951 to 35 in 1952, of fewer than 20,000 spindles from 40 to 51, and of fewer than 40,000 from five to 16.

Many of the smaller enterprises still in existence cannot be expected to withstand the pressure of the world recession, which has compelled leading spinners, hampered by higher processing costs—but enjoying financial reserves and world prestige, to sell at less than cost.

It may be assumed that the new Japanese cotton industry, now being hammered into more efficient shape for tougher competition, will reflect increasingly the opinion, policy and influence of the big, old-established concerns.

The decline in American exports from Western Europe increased from 168.3 to 187.0 million dollars. Imports from Latin America, however, declined from 308.6 to 287.2 million dollars.

Italy showed the largest jump in shipments to the United States, going from \$11,000,000 in September to 17.3 million in October. Other advances by Western European nations included: Belgium and Luxembourg 14.1 to 19.3 million and West Germany 18.3 to 22.0 million.

Meanwhile, imports from Asia climbed from 135.3 to 150.0 million dollars, from Africa from 30.3 to 35.0 million, and Australia and Oceania from 14.7 to 15.8 million.

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BRITISH COTTON TRADERS FRUSTRATED

Cairo, Jan. 29.

British traders in Egypt show alarm at the present trend of business in that country. Owing to the failure of Egypt to sell cotton in the sterling area, British-Egyptian trade is almost at a standstill.

A British Embassy spokesman admitted that strong representations have been made by the British Chamber of Commerce in Egypt, for the adoption of a policy that would enable trade to flow again.

This official pointed out that the fact of the matter is that Egypt has no Sterling available for anything but essential goods, and he thought it doubtful if they even have enough Sterling to meet these essential needs.

The Egyptian government has approximately £10,000,000 in their Free Account. Of this, he pointed out, about £7,000,000 has been allocated for tea, an essential article of diet for the fellahs.

In addition to this, about £10,000,000 is needed for essential petroleum products, so even on these two essential items, there is not enough to go round.

ACTION UNLIKELY
Asked if the British government was likely to "unfreeze" more Sterling to Egypt, the official said that although there is roughly £164,000,000 in Egypt's blocked Sterling account, it was unlikely that any of this would be made available this year.

He pointed out that the whole problem rests on Egypt's ability to sell her cotton, on which her economy largely rests.

Britain's position in this matter is that she has in hand, still lying in the docks in Britain, large quantities of Egyptian cotton bought in 1950/51, when prices were three times as much as today.

He also pointed out that traders in Britain wanted to buy in the cheapest markets, and Egypt's cotton is 30 percent higher than current world prices.—United Press.

Cairo Conference

Cairo, Jan. 29.
The Egyptian Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, today conferred for an hour with the Soviet Minister in Cairo, Mr. Y. P. Koziev. The subject of discussion has not been disclosed.—Reuter.

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Purges Throw European Communists Into Confusion

London, Jan. 29.
Communist parties in Western Europe have been thrown into utter confusion by the latest purges in Moscow and Berlin and are lying low to await the "new line" from their Kremlin masters, authoritative sources disclosed.

Both the Kremlin plot and the East German purge have taken Communist leaders in Western Europe completely by surprise.

The failure of the Kremlin to provide them with a new lead has left European Communists leaderless and their sides apparently in the dark as to the course they are expected to take.

But Communists in Europe anticipate a thorough purge in their own ranks in the months to come which might change the face of many a party in the near future.

An authority on Communism summarised the confusion which has gripped Communists in Europe following the "disclosures" in Moscow and Berlin and the arrest of apparently Communist-oriented Nazis in West Germany in the following terms:

"Taken at their face value, this would seem to reveal that Communist leaders are in the pay of Fascist imperialism, while Fascists are aligning themselves with Communism."—United Press.

HAVING IMPACT
The anti-Semitic line is, according to the latest indications, already beginning to have its impact on the parties in Western Europe.

The Daily Worker has found it necessary, for the first time since the issue arose, to emphasise the equality of Communist members, stressing that "every Communist Party member—Gentile and Jew alike—must remain at his post;" but it clearly refrained from any elaboration on this delicate topic.

If an ideological fight lies behind the purges they are even more world because neither its nature nor the winning side has so far emerged. The notorious Stalin-Trotsky feud has taught Communist leaders to be careful in their choice if they want to survive.

Communist leaders were told here to be finding it embarrassing and increasingly difficult in West European capitals to explain away the obvious anti-Jewish line of the Kremlin after Communism had paraded as the champion of anti-semitism and as the protector of Jews.

They were said to be "strangely non-communist" towards their own followers, apparently awaiting instructions as to how their Jewish "comrades" are to be dealt with in the future.

Nevertheless, authoritative informants ascertained they are already increasingly worried about the effect of the latest development on the parties and their membership.

Again, the London Daily Worker gave away some of the show by boasting that, contrary to reports, the membership of the Communist parties is still increasing. But in actual fact the membership of European Communist parties has been steadily falling since 1946, partly as a result of repeated purges in recent years and partly as result of receding Communism in Europe.

According to official investigations West European Communists

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Federal Republic to the common defense."

The statement said an armed and neutralised Germany on the lines of Soviet conceptions would be a constant threat to peace on a continent which the American and British forces had abandoned. Germany would then waver between dangerous extremes—a crusade to the East to reconquer her "lost provinces" or agreement with the East to obtain their restitution.

But the latest news from Moscow "confirms" that the Soviet Union is not planning to conclude any peace treaty, even on the basis which she herself had suggested."

France in the European Army

scheme would have complete

control of her overseas forces,

including those in Indo-China,

the White Paper said.—Reuter.

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